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Northwest District Man Sentenced in Brutal Stabbing Murder

WASHINGTON - Levon Williams, also known as "Psycho," 22, of Northwest Washington, D.C., was sentenced on January 19, 2010, by Superior Court of the District of Columbia Judge Geoffrey Alprin to 25 years of incarceration for the April 21, 2008, murder of 18-year-old Ronald Thompson, U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. A Superior Court jury found Williams guilty of one count of Murder in the Second Degree while Armed, and one count of Carrying a Deadly Weapon, on October 20, 2009.

According to the evidence presented at trial, Levon Williams entered an apartment in the Tyler House, a high-rise apartment building located at 1200 North Capitol Street, NW, on April 21, 2008. Williams approached Ronald Thompson and began stabbing him in the face, neck, and upper body. All told, Williams stabbed Thompson at least nine times. Despite being fatally injured in this attack, Thompson survived long enough to flee the apartment. Residents and visitors to the Tyler House observed an obviously-injured Thompson fleeing for his life down a hallway, and also saw Williams, following closely behind, holding a knife in his right hand. As the victim ran, he screamed repeatedly "Psych, stop playing."

Shortly before 1:00 a.m. in the morning, residents of the Tyler House discovered Ronald Thompson lying face down in a pool of blood in a stairwell that lead directly from the hallway in which he was observed fleeing from Williams. Police responded immediately, but Thompson was already dead.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Darin March, Anthony McGee, Dwayne Corbett, and Wayne Marable, and Officer Rodney Anderson, for their outstanding investigation and help in securing the testimony of numerous witnesses for trial. He also commended the U.S. Attorney's Office staff who assisted in the successful prosecution, including Paralegal Specialist Lynette Briggs, Litigation Specialist Leif Hickling, Intelligence Analyst Larry Grasso, Victim Advocate Marcia Rinker, and Witness Security Specialists Debra Cannon and Michael Hailey. Additionally, he commended former Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexandra Foster, who investigated and indicted the

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case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jocelyn Ballantine, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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